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Amendments to the Specification

Replace paragraph 36 on page 8 of the specification with the following:

-- [0036] Figures 5, 6, and 7 illustrate another embodiment of the current invention wherein the second section 40, comprises the slide prevention device 30. In this embodiment, the first slide piece 32 and second slide piece 34 of the slide prevention device 30 may be secured to the second base piece 42. In addition, rather than having an independent locking arm, as discussed in other embodiments, this particular embodiment incorporates the attributes of the locking arm 54 and the securing arm 56 into one piece. Specifically, the securing arm 56 accomplishes the dual task of securing the ladder 74 to the securing device 10 as well as serving as a locking arm 54. This is accomplished by providing a hole 70 at the distal end of the securing arm 56, corresponding to the hole 68 in the second slide piece 34 of the slide prevention device 30. The slide prevention device 30 may include a latch 62 to secure the securing arm 56. The first and second base pieces 20 and 40 include first and second side members 26a and 46a, respectively, extending substantially perpendicularly from the first and second base pieces 20 and 40. First and second upper members, or top members, 28 and 49 extend from each of the side members 26a and 46a, respectively, and also extend inwardly, thereby being configured to prevent movement of an enclosed object away from the first and second base pieces 20 and 40. --